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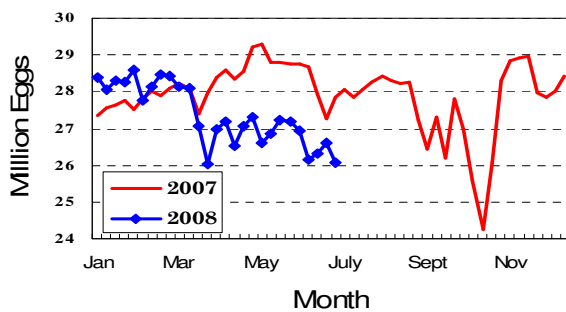
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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 7 Percent from Last Year

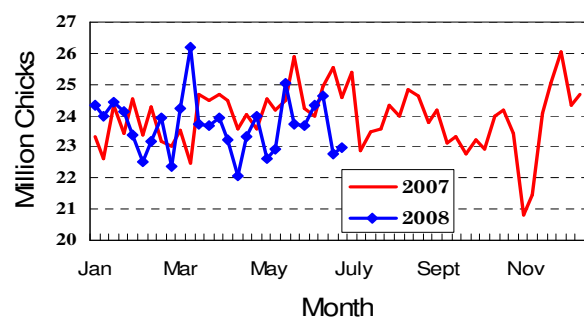
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 23.0 million during the week ending July 5, 2008. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week in 2007, but up 1 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 26.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending July 5, 2008, down 6 percent from the same period last year, and down 2 percent from the previous week.

Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2007-2008



Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2007-2008



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, June 7, 2008 - July 5, 2008

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	7-Jun	14-Jun	21-Jun	28-Jun	5-Jul	7-Jun	14-Jun	21-Jun	28-Jun	5-Jul
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	32,740	31,492 *	31,350	29,705	28,779	22,140	22,327	22,049	21,816 *	21,269
Arkansas	26,918	26,137 *	26,337	26,620 *	26,069	23,671	24,314	24,638	22,783 *	22,988
Delaware	3,718	3,630	3,647	3,495	3,573	5,127	4,521	4,361 *	5,208 *	4,213
Florida	1,356	1,341	1,341	1,346	1,351	1,146	1,136	1,224	1,216	1,315
Georgia	34,119	34,260	34,231 *	33,955	32,653	29,052	28,012	28,934 *	29,311 *	28,537
Kentucky	8,168 *	7,405 *	7,713	7,461	7,963	6,508 *	6,918 *	6,457 *	7,095 *	6,344
Louisiana	3,651	3,642	3,651	3,651	3,651	3,794	3,742	3,755	3,632	3,456
Maryland	8,976	8,236	9,162 *	8,594 *	8,618	5,939	6,308	6,773 *	6,114 *	6,083
Mississippi	19,074	18,930	18,761	18,624	18,772	17,348	17,262	17,186	17,283	16,882
N. Carolina	19,169	19,116 *	19,089	18,949	18,364	16,047	16,010	15,580 *	16,328	15,649
Oklahoma	7,270	6,850 *	6,987	7,240	7,170	4,801	4,917	3,810	5,109	4,513
Pennsylvania	4,474	4,539	4,550	4,525 *	4,309	3,278	3,414	3,373	3,373 *	3,393
S. Carolina	5,769	5,260	5,317	5,539	5,348	4,726	5,494	5,220	4,044 *	4,726
Texas	15,787 *	15,876 *	15,897 *	14,714 *	15,700	12,997 *	13,156 *	13,200 *	13,260 *	13,363
Virginia	6,199	6,476	6,315	6,306	6,099	5,202	5,287	4,911	4,440	4,865
CA,MO,TN& WV	20,058	19,771 *	19,594 *	19,173 *	19,522	18,157 *	16,595	17,773	18,146	16,914
19 State Total	217,446 *	212,961 *	213,942 *	209,897 *	207,941	179,933 *	179,413 *	179,244 *	179,158 *	174,510
Prev. Year Total	219,184	217,590	216,287	210,141	216,018	180,462	179,754	180,026	178,938	178,318
% of Prev. Year	99	98	99	100	96	100	100	100	100	98

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 5, 2008. This was down 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 5, 2008. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through July 5, 2008 were 4.81 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.